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25X1 25X1 25X1	following information on the organization of the Czechoslowakian Cavalry	
	. Cavalry Brigade:	
25X1	a. The PARDUBICE (0 51/M 79) Cay Brig was the only one in	_
25X1	the Czech Army,	
	b. The following officers were identified at the brigade headquarters:	
25X1	General Bohumil KAPRAL, Communist, CG of the	
	LtCol TOMANEK, not believed to be an active Communist, Dpty CO of the brigade	
	LtCol RIHA, member of the Communist Party	
	Staff Capt CERMAN, a Communist, indoctrination officer of the PARDUBICE military post	
	2d Lt SVITALSKY, a fanatical Communist, DOZ officer,	
	co The brigade had the following component units:	
	lst Cav Bn in DASICE (0 51/M 89) 2d Cav Bn in ROKYCANY (0 50/N 24) 3rd Cav Bn in HODUNIN (P 59/S 87) 4th Cav Bn in TOPOLCANY (P 59/T 64) Tng Bn in PARDUBICE Fifteen supply troops (Cav) in the following towns:	
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DASICE (two troops)
BENO (two troops = P 50/N 40)
BENTISLAVA (P 49/X 99) (one troop)
C.BUDEJOVICE (0 49/Q 96) (one troop)
LITOMERICE (N 51/F 53) (one troop)
BOHDANEC (0 51/M 61) (one remount troop)
JOSEFOV (0 51/G 82) (two troops)
ROKYCANY (two troops)
KOSICE (R 49/E 34) (one troop)
TEREZIN (N 51/F 53) (one troop)
HODONIN (one troop)

## 2. Cavalry battalion:

a. Organization: Battalion headquarters

lst Cav Troop 2d Hv Tpn Troop 3rd MG Troop Repl Tng Troop.

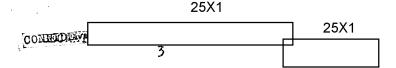
- b. Cav Troop: Three platoons of three sections each. Each section consisted of a "reconnaissance unit" and "an attack unit", each unit numbering six men plus a unit leader. Each man has a horse and a submachine gun. Each section has one light machine gun.
- c. Hv .n Troop: The equipment includes 32-mm AT guns.
- d. MG Troop: Frimarily equipped with type "37" heavy machine guns and type "26" light machine guns.
- e. Repl Tng Troop: For replacement of men, horses and material.

## 3. PARDUBICE Ing Bn:

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- b. Quarters: Cavalry Barracks on Falackeho Street, adjoining the Veselka Hotel.
- e. CO: Lt Col Alois MAREL.
- d. Organization:
- (1) "Auxiliary Troop" of three platoons
- CO: Staff Cart SVOBODA, a Communist.
- (2) Reserve officer training course with 80 to 90 participants for a period of up to nine months.
- (3) Cavelry course for older officers with 10 to 12 participants.
- (4) Cavalry course for junior officers with 14 to 16 participants.
- (5) Supply course for officers and regular NCOs with 20 to 25 participants for three months.

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(6) Bugler course with 25 to 30 participents.

All participants in the courses were politically screened by the DOZ officer. Their number constantly decreased because of expulsion from the courses.

- e. Vehicles: One truck, one passenger car and six special supply vehicles of type "34".
- Training: Combat training on foot and horseback. battalion participated in the 1949 summer maneuvers in the KAISER ALD.
- Specially appointed officers were intensively engaged in work relating to mobilization plans.
- 4. Other units in PARDUBICE (up to November 1949):
- (previously a railroad a. Railroad Brigade 25X1 regiment)\*\*
  - Signal regiment, commanded by Lt Col BRADA \*\*\*
  - Officer candidate school, commanded by LtCol HAVLU, attended by about 120 trainees (of the working classes) who received preparatory training for HRANICE (P 50/0 25) military Academy. They were instructed by officers and civilians.
  - 5. Lilitary subdistrict headquarters (Krajske vojenske velitelstvi): Established in PARDUBICE during the second half of September 1949; superior to all military posts in the PARLUBICE district. The recruiting office in VYSUKE MYTO (0 50/N 08) was also moved to PARDUBICE in September 1949. Comment:
- No precise information has yet been available on the organization of the Czechoslovakian Cavalry. It was known that the Czech Cav Brig, commanded by General KAPRAL, was stationed in FARDUBICE, where it was confirmed up to early December 1949. The brigade was confirmed up to mid-August 1949. 25X1

It has been presumably changed since then. Cradence is given to the statement that the Cav Brig has four 25X1 units which, having the approximate strength of a battalion, are designated cavelry battalions, and one cavalry training battalion and 15 supply troops, The date on the cavalry training battalion appears credible. The battalion conducts training courses as they are conducted in other branches of

It probably has the functions of a cavalry school of the Czech Army on which no information has been received.

25X1 \*\* The PARLUBICE 1st "Bachmacky" ER Kegt been confirmed up to July 1949. It included reilroad operating and engineer units. It seems possible that the regi-25X1

ment may have been transformed into a brigade 25X1

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25X1 which had been Presumably the 5th Sig Regt identified in PARRUBICE up to May 1940. 25X1

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